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## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

More than 500 people gathered at the war memorial in Stone Street, Faversham, on Remembrance Sunday.

Hugh Robertson, MP, joined members of the emergency services together with representatives of the air cadets, sea cadets and army cadets to pay their respect to those who have lost their lives in battle.

A church service comprising a 250-strong congregation followed at St Mary of Charity. A collection raised more than £300 for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

**EXCLUSIVE**

■ BY JILL HURST

THE roof of Kent's largest church is in danger of collapse after lead thefts left it exposed to the ravages of the death watch beetle.

An entire section of the roof at St Mary of Charity in Faversham is being held together by a single mortise and tenon joint. A First World War memorial is also being eaten away by the wood-boring insect.

Catriona Cuthbert, church warden, described the news as devastating. She said: "Lead thefts left the church exposed to the elements, and the roof in the Trinity chapel just didn't have a chance to dry out. The death watch beetle is eating the rafters and the damp is making the wood crumble."

"We knew some work was needed in the chapel, but we were shocked by the extent of the damage."

Wood specialists say there is a structural breakdown of the timbers and joints and if it is not fixed urgently, the roof will fall in.

Church staff are frantically trying to raise £50,000 for the cost of repairs before the winter sets in.

Ms Cuthbert said a number of emergency grants had been applied for and she appealed to the community to help.

The economic downturn has seen an increase in lead thefts across the district, but St Mary of Charity has been the targeted three times this year alone.

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# Man in White Suit speaks on war and politics

BY IAN READ

WAR reporter and former MP Martin Bell dropped into a Faversham pub to chat to townspeople about world affairs.

He was at the Phoenix Tavern, Abbey Street, to kick off a series of dine and meet get-togethers.

Since quitting Parliament, Mr Bell has been acting as a roving ambassador for UNICEF and is promoting his book, A Very British Revolution, which deals with the parliamentary expenses scandal.

Martin, 72, has been to Somalia and Yemen for UNICEF recently so his reputation for going to trouble spots hasn't left him.

He said: "I go to the places where UNICEF can't send its celebrity ambassadors. I went to Yemen in August and it was certainly eye-opening."

The former foreign correspondent raised £100,000 for the charity Children of Yemen, which aims to help youngsters get an education.

Martin cemented his reputation as a top-notch reporter during the Bosnian conflict through his reports from besieged Sarajevo where he was known as the 'Man in the White Suit.'

He was wounded during the fighting and will be giving evidence in the war crimes trial against former Bosnian Serb Prime Minister



Radovan Karadzic.

Martin said: "I haven't seen him since 1994 and when I did meet him he was always very helpful, but I did see the results of his policies."

The former MP for Tatton sat on the Parliamentary Standards Committee for three and a half years and saw the start of the campaign for cleaner politics, so he wasn't surprised that Labour politicians closed ranks around disgraced former immigration minister Phil Woolas, who was found guilty of spreading lies about an opponent.

Mr Woolas is appealing against the decision to unseat him as MP for Oldham East. Some of his party workers claimed his Lib Dem opponent was supporting Muslim extremists to get elected.

Deputy Leader Harriet Harman was criticised for condemn Mr Woolas, but Mr Bell said: "There was no doubt the posters were inflammatory."

"There is no defence for that kind of thing and Harriet Harman was right to condemn him for it."

## Church roof at risk after thieves strip off lead

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"People think churches are rich but this is far from the case," said Ms Cuthbert. "Lead has been stolen from various parts of the church leaving it vulnerable," she added.

According to Ms Cuthbert, in one episode, thieves got on the roof of the Trinity Chapel in broad daylight.

"We got a phone call from the school to ask if men were doing work on the roof. They'd climbed up using wheelie bins and were seen ripping the lead off and throwing it off the side."

It's a double blow for the parish, which is already struggling to raise half-a-million pounds for a restoration and modernisation project.

Unlike many churches throughout the country, St Mary of Charity retains a thriving congregation and for many is the hub of the community. There are 18 regular services each month, 8,000 visitors each year and more than 70 groups who visit or work within it.

Often described as the size of a small cathedral, the Georgian nave was designed by George Dance in 1753. The crown spire was designed by Charles Bealey and completed in 1797. Legend has it the remains of King Stephen were rescued from the destruction and transferred to the Trinity chapel, where a brass plaque bears his name.

If you would like to contribute to the restoration of the roof, call act Reverend Anthony Oehring on 01795 532592, email vicar@stmary-ofcharity.org or write to The Vicarage, Newton Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8DY

## Warning after chimney fires

THE onset of cold weather has seen a spate in chimney fires across the district, prompting fire chiefs to issue a safety warning.

Emergency crews spent half-an-hour at a property in Abbey Street, Faversham on November 11, following a blaze in a chimney flue.

A second fire in Throwley Road, Sittingbourne, took an hour-and-a-half to control, during the early hours of Monday, November 15.

Head of community fire safety Stuart Skilton said: "Before you use your chimney, it is essential to ensure it has recently been swept."

"Whatever fuel you burn, it is important that the chimney is kept clean, and you do not allow soot or ash to build up."

## RNLI responds to emergency call

GALE-force winds resulted in an emergency rescue operation led by Sheerness RNLI.

Two sailors on board the motor cabin boat The Flintstones dialled 999 after the 30-foot cruiser broke down between the Thamesport container terminal and Beeness jetty, in the River Medway, on November 11.

RNLI Sheerness raced to the scene, but was unable to get close enough due to shallow waters. The two men were winched to safety by the coastguard's helicopter.

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FIRST TIME: Lieutenant Aden Philpott says it is good to see the progress being made in Afghanistan

## Helmand tour 'great experience'

AS REMEMBRANCE services took part across the nation on Sunday, one young soldier from Sittingbourne was beginning his first tour of Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Aden Philpott, 24, is based in the Nahr-e Seraj area of Helmand province, where he is in charge of a gun position that provides offensive fire support to troops on the ground.

The former Borden Grammar School student joined the Army in May 2008, training at the Sandhurst Royal Military Academy.

His parents Phillip and Lorraine live in Sittingbourne. His girlfriend

Maria, who is also an officer in the Army, is also from the town.

Speaking from Afghanistan, Lt Philpott said: "I enjoy the feeling that I am making a difference to people's lives. It's an important role because our soldiers are our greatest asset. I'm finding the job demanding but rewarding – like being a parent I'd imagine."

"It's a great experience to be here and it's good to see the progress being made on the ground. This country is being turned around and we are helping to make it happen."

"I love my family, friends and Maria very much and can't wait to see them."



# Supermarket aims to recruit our homeless

## Store wants to give a 'hand up'

**EXCLUSIVE**

■ BY JILL HURST

HOMELESS people in Swale will be employed by Morrisons thanks to a unique recruitment scheme.

The supermarket giant plans to fill 1,000 jobs with homeless applicants and has singled out The Quays — the largest homeless centre in the south east — for inclusion in the scheme.

Speaking exclusively to Yoursware the company said it was preparing to contact the hostel.

Donna Lee, shelter manager, said: "I haven't heard from them about the scheme yet but it sounds fantastic and I look forward to talking with Morrisons."

"We already have the support of Canterbury College with a full-time teacher dedicated to literacy, numeracy and computing."

"If we could compliment it with an employment programme such as this it would do such good and help so many vulnerable people to get back on their feet."

The Quays is one of the biggest homeless shelters in the country. With 84 bedrooms it



**INCLUSION SCHEME:** Morrisons has announced it plans to offer jobs and training to homeless people in Swale

offers a place to stay for people aged 18 to 64.

A major distribution centre and a supermarket are located in Swale, providing thousands of jobs to the community.

Morrisons is running the scheme in partnership with the Salvation Army. The firm, which is currently in a period of growth, said it wanted to recruit from all sections of the community.

A spokesman said the company believed by investing in people who needed a "hand up", it would gain loyal and hard-working employees.

Norman Pickavance, group HR director for Morrisons, said: "We have a strong record of providing great careers for people through training and opportunities helping people to

progress from the shop floor to the top floor of our business.

"This initiative will help disadvantaged people to get their lives back on track. We look forward to taking this approach nationally and we would encourage other British businesses to join us on this initiative."

The scheme offers new staff three months of training, in the classroom and on the job, leading to a qualifications and credit framework level one qualification at the end. Those who are successful will then have the opportunity to gain a level two qualification and take up an apprenticeship within the group, including as a butcher, baker or fishmonger.

## Northern relief road to go ahead

OFFICIALS at the Department for Transport (DfT) have confirmed the Sittingbourne northern relief road will go ahead as planned.

A spokesman said: "Schemes with full approval and already in construction, such as the Sittingbourne northern relief road, will continue."

The Thames Gateway Chamber of Commerce welcomed the announcement.

Kamal Aggarwal, chairman, said: "This is good news for commerce."

### More jobs

The Eurolink based businesses we have spoken to are delighted about the news. Improving access will reduce congestion to the business park, helping to attract more businesses to Swale and creating more jobs for local people."

Paul Winter, MD of Eurolink-based manufacturer Wire Belt Company Ltd, said: "Provided the road can be completed without delay this will be good news not only for the long suffering Eurolink companies but also for the regeneration projects planned for Sittingbourne town centre and the wider area."

DTF officials said the future of a Southern relief road had yet to be decided.

## Ex-princess facing cash theft charge

AN ex-carnival princess has appeared in court on theft charges.

Rachael Booker-Pook, 18, of Watling Place, Sittingbourne, pleaded not guilty to charges of theft by an employee.

She stands accused of stealing £132.60 from Magic Wok, East Street, Sittingbourne on August 23.

She was released on bail until December 14, when she will return to court for a trial date to be fixed.

## Site visit for development

A PLANNING decision on a controversial housing development in Sheerness has been deferred pending a site visit by councillors.

The application to build 37 houses and eight flats on land at Seager Road together with road access, footpaths and associated parking went before the planning committee at Swale council last Thursday.

Householders living near the site say the current infrastructure, is inadequate to support the build.

However, property company Bloomfields Ltd argues the site will provide a good source of affordable housing and associated benefits to the community.

The date of the site visit is yet to be announced. Call 01795 417850 or see [www.swale.gov.uk](http://www.swale.gov.uk) for details.

## Flats allowed

PERMISSION to transform a Sheerness snooker hall into flats has been approved.

Developers will now extend the site at Neptune Terrace to provide three, two-bedroom properties.

The proposed build involves the demolition of a single storey extension and the erection of a two-storey building in its place.

Provision for parking was removed after neighbours complained it would exacerbate traffic problems.

## Prison for attacker who stamped on drunk friend's head

A VIOLENT thug from Sittingbourne who stamped on a man's head has been jailed for two years and three months after pleading guilty to grievous bodily harm.

Troy Stephens, 23, of Chilton Avenue, appeared at Maidstone Crown Court on November 5, where he admitted to assaulting 41-year-old Alex Cameron, of Conyer.

Mr Cameron suffered a fractured skull and severe swelling and bruising to his face and head during the attack, in Bell Lane, Sittingbourne, on August 20.

Investigating officer DC Steve Rees from mid Kent's major enquiry team said: "The pair knew each other and had been out drinking in Sittingbourne that evening."

"Both were drunk when some kind of argument broke out as they sat on the pavement in Bell Road."

"A witness saw Stephens repeatedly stamping on Mr Cameron's head. His victim was too drunk to properly defend himself."

DC Rees described it as an unpleasant and aggressive attack: "Mr Cameron was left with nasty injuries, including a fractured skull, but it could have been far worse."



**VIOLENT ATTACK:** Troy Stephens has been jailed

ant and aggressive attack: "Mr Cameron was left with nasty injuries, including a fractured skull, but it could have been far worse."

"The sentence shows how seriously the courts view violence and I hope it reinforces the message that this type of crime won't be tolerated."

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# Female bishops need not apply, says reverend

## EXCLUSIVE

BY JILL HURST

A VICAR on the Isle of Sheppey has become the first in Swale to ban women bishops.

All Saints Church, in Eastchurch, needs a new bishop but Reverend Barry Birch said only men will be considered for the job.

The church found itself without a bishop after the Reverend Keith Newton defected to Catholicism following the row about the ordination of women.

While Reverend Birch has ruled out any similar defection, he said the parochial church council (PCC) would stand by its position.

He said: "The PCC can appoint whoever it wants and women bishops won't be accepted. The decision can't be challenged and there will be no movement."

### Opponents

Asked how the church would respond to new legislation, Reverend Birch said: "Any legislation of women in the Episcopal is unlikely until 2014. We would have to look at it at that point. The code of practice has not yet been written."

Traditionalist opponents of women bishops, such as Reverend Birch, have relied mostly on a biblical argument. They say that because Jesus chose only men to lead his apostles, only men should be modern-day leaders.

However, this argument has been challenged by the Synod.

Leading biblical scholars such as the Bishop of Durham, Tom Wright, said there was plenty of evidence that women did help lead the early church.

Dr Wright said the fact the first person before whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection was a woman, Mary Magdalene, was particularly significant.



**NEW DAWN?** Female bishops have been told they will not be able to apply for post at All Saints in Eastchurch

Nevertheless, a diocese source said there was sympathy with churches such as All Saints.

He said: "Parishes such as these do not recognise women's ministry and they could not be expected to remain part of a diocese headed up by a woman."

"However many of these churches want to remain in the Church of England but they want a framework laid down in law that gives them the legal right to be assigned a flying bishop. This is a big debate in the Synod."

Recently ordained Bobbing ministry curate Sue Sampson said she had worked to overcome her own reservations about women in the clergy.

She said: "On a personal level, I have no objections to women bishops, but I am still in the process of working through the issues."

"I used to have reservations about women priests. Over the years, I came to experience the ministry of other women, and saw God using them in a powerful way. I studied the Bible and read books on the subject. It became clear God was calling me to the priesthood, and he opened up the way for me to go forward."

## Ben getting his claws into business

AN interest in unusual and exotic animals has given Ben Bartlett the chance to set up his own business.

With the help of the Kent Foundation, which provides expertise and practical help to those starting his unique business, Claws and Jaws bring wildlife of the world into parties and classrooms.

Pythons, lizards and birds of prey are all part of his menagerie, which has proved popular with young people across the county.

At the Business Week Live show he was conspicuous as he was cradling a Royal Python, a species originally native to Africa.

He said: "A couple of years ago I realised my hobby of looking after unusual animals could be made into a business."

"I thought it was a brilliant idea to be honest and with help from the Kent Foundation I managed to set it up."

"Children's parties are the sort of events which I take them to and they are extremely popular."

"It is also educational for young people – they have the chance to learn about creatures they would never normally encounter, certainly not at such close quarters."

Mr Bartlett, from Sittingbourne, said events such as the show enabled him to meet up with other young local



**CLOSE-UP:** Ben Bartlett takes animals from his reptile collection to parties and classrooms

entrepreneurs and he was on a stand with others who had been helped by the Kent Foundation.

"Loads of people have been stopping to see the python," he said. "It shows everybody likes animals."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Fire threat lout jailed

A THUG from Sittingbourne who threatened to burn a man's house down and spat at a police officer has been jailed.

Ricky Chambers, of Wykeham Road, pleaded guilty to causing criminal damage and assaulting a police officer when he appeared at Maidstone Magistrates Court. The 20-year-old was jailed for 180 days.

Chambers was arrested on September 15. The following day, while in custody at Sittingbourne police station, he became aggressive towards police officers and spat at custody sergeant Robin Lavender.

Magistrates jailed Chambers for 160 days for the threats to cause criminal damage and 20 days to run consecutively for the assault on Sgt Lavender.

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## Hotel is a sound purchase

A BELEAGUED hotel in Sittingbourne is to be sold off after planners removed a restrictive planning condition.

Administrators of The Coniston Hotel in London Road said they were unable to go ahead with the sale because a previously imposed condition to brick up a window of a nearby residential dwelling.

Addressing the planning committee last Thursday, liquidation specialist Karen McCormick said the condition was no longer necessary and the noise created by vehicles was cushioned by extended landscaping and fell within acceptable levels.

Ms McCormick said: "Removal of the condition will not cause noise impact on the residents of number 76."

"The condition is preventing the sale of the hotel. Removal of the condition will allow the sale of the hotel and enable it to reopen for business."

## Man charged over break-in

POLICE have charged a man with burglary follow a break in at Whiteway Terrace, North Road, Queenborough, on November 5, 2010.

Lee Mark Conroy, 19, of High Street, Sheerness, will appear at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court on January 5, 2011.

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# Abandoned Rufus left to drown on marshland

■ BY JILL HURST

A NINE month old dog may have been left to drown or starve to death because its cruel owner mistook it for a Staffordshire bull terrier.

The male American bulldog was found tethered to a hawthorn bush on the shoreline off Raspberry Hill between Iwade and Lower Halstow.

Animal welfare workers said the malnourished animal would have died if walkers had not waded through marshland to find out where the barking was coming from.

The dog, named Rufus, is now being cared for at Jasmil Kennels in Lower Halstow.

Centre worker Carrina Shuttlewood said: "He may have been abandoned because his owner thought he had obtained a Staffordshire bull terrier and didn't realise how big he'd grow or how much food or exercise he would need."

"He was lucky to survive. If the spot where he was had flooded out he would have been swallowed up. At the moment we are trying to build him up and then we will look to home him with a specialist breeder."

Carrina said that although affectionate, the dog's treatment had left it underweight, nervous and with little faith in humans.

Sadly, Rufus' case is far from unique.

Jasmil kennels has taken in more than 500 abandoned animals over the last six months,

more than 60 per cent of them Staffordshire bull terriers.

Nationally there has been an upsurge in the number of Staffs abandoned.

Contrary to popular belief, Tim Oxley, animal control officer at Swale council, believes owners could be abandoning the breed because they are not as aggressive as portrayed.

He said: "Although Staffordshire bull terriers were bred for bullfighting they are incredibly loyal and treated properly are fantastic dogs."

"Some people may obtain them as a status symbol of aggression but the truth is while they have the psyche to attack other animals they have been bred to respect humans and very often just want to lick someone to death."

Mr Oxley said the case of Rufus had left him very angry and he urged the public to come forward with information.

He said "This is one of those sad cases that make you very angry. The dog was tied to a low hawthorn bush and it would appear it had been deliberately left there, and not just got itself caught up."

"It looks as if someone has abandoned this dog far enough from the main road so it would not be seen by passing traffic. If it hadn't been found when it was, or there had been an unusually high tide, the dog would have probably have died."

To abandon any animal is an offence. If you have information about where Rufus came from or about any other abandoned animal telephone 01795 417850 in confidence.



**MISTAKEN IDENTITY:** The owners of Rufus the American bulldog may have thought he was a Staffordshire bull terrier

## Mum's death inspires paramedic to write book on bereavement

A PARAMEDIC from Sittingbourne has made a major contribution to a book focusing on death and the issues surrounding it.

Louise Massen, an acting clinical operations manager for South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAMB), said her mother's death inspired her to collaborate with Louise Massen, author of the best-selling *Call the Midwife*.

The new book, *In the Midst of Life*, explores the issues surrounding how we die including euthanasia, resuscitation of the dying, the artificial prolongation of life and force-feeding.

Louise said: "I was delighted to be asked to provide an ambulance perspective to this book."

### Distressing

"I hope the people who read it get a better understanding that while our role is primarily to save lives, we also have a role to play in providing palliative care and supporting relatives through what can be a distressing and difficult time."

Louise's mother died two years ago, at the age of just 60, after suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Louise said: "The death of my mother was without a doubt the most life altering event of my life."

"It was a truly desperate feeling watching my mum dying, aching to swing into action and do my paramedic stuff, when I knew there was absolutely nothing I could do to prevent her death."

"It gave my brother and I a whole new perspective on death and how it affects those it leaves behind."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

**JO JAMES**



**Q** How long have you had connections with Kent?

**A** My grandparents lived here, and although I was an Army child and therefore lived in various places, we always maintained contact here. I finally settled in Kent permanently 35 years ago.

**Q** How did you get involved in the Chamber of Commerce?

**A** I originally ran a children's nursery, but had to take a long break from work for medical reasons. As I recovered, I felt that, although I had young children at home, I needed some part time work and I answered a small-ad for 12 hours a week of secretarial work. I can do that, I thought. That was in July 1990. The job turned out to be at the then Ashford Chamber of Commerce, and I have been with the Chamber ever since. I suppose you could say that I have just completed 20 years of my sentence!

**Q** Can you tell us about the Chamber and how it helps business in the county?

**A** We use the strapline 'The Ultimate Business Network' and that is what we try to be. It means we are here to help any business in any capacity that we can. Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce can advise and support anybody from the initial dream of a business conception through to a successful trading environment and the fulfilment of that dream. For existing companies of all shapes and sizes, we can help

monitor, develop and expand their trading operation by cutting costs, increasing productivity and advise on all aspects of business practice. Our members can benefit from our extensive networking opportunities, cost-effective member services of all kinds, and frequent workshops and advisory clinics.

**Q** What would you say are the challenges facing business at the moment?

**A** The biggest challenge at present has to be the ramifications of the recession and the Government's efforts to mitigate the effects of it. There is no doubt that cutbacks and the restructuring of the infrastructure of business support will have wide-ranging effects on the business environment. The running down of the Regional Development Agencies and the introduction of Local Enterprise Partnerships is another crucial aspect with currently uncertain outcomes. It is highly likely that we are entering a period of significant change in the whole gamut of business and commerce, and we really have little idea how it will pan out. That uncertainty is probably what constitutes the biggest challenge. How we respond to it is something we have to learn as it unfolds.

**Q** Are you optimistic about the new government plans for local enterprise partnerships?

**A** Cautiously optimistic, I believe that any change always presents opportunities. If change can present opportunities, then I feel

that the Kent, Greater Essex & East Sussex LEP should be in a position to maximise those opportunities. Provided that the LEPs operate as conceived, with a major element of input from business, then I believe that we can look forward to a positive future.

**Q** Is there too much red tape for start-up businesses?

**A** I could devote a whole page to the subject of business red tape, and not just where start-ups are concerned. There are far too many impediments to business growth and development, and frankly it would be tedious to try and list them all. This is where I have great hopes that a business-led LEP will be able to help.

**Q** What is the Chamber's attitude towards the EU?

**A** One of the many effects of the changing economy might well be a down-turn in domestic demand, and the EU represents a whole new market available to local business, which has, frankly, thus far been slow to exploit that potential. Perhaps we have been concentrating too much on the market on our doorstep. A strong EU represents a strong market opportunity, and we should all work towards it.

• **Contact the Chamber at Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Ashford TN24 0LH. Tel: 01233 503838. Email: info@kentinvictachamber.co.uk. Web: www.kentinictachamber.co.uk.**

**Q&A**

**Ed Hill** talks to Jo James the Chief Executive of the Invicta Chamber of Commerce about the future of business in the county in face of the recession and cutbacks and how things will shape up in the future

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# Dream ticket to Wembley for England mascot Ben

■ BY JILL HURST

A SCHOOLBOY from Sittingbourne will fulfil his dream when he escorts the England football squad into Wembley arena tonight.

Ben Wells, 8, won his place to join his sporting heroes as they take on France, after he won a national competition.

Describing his feelings Ben said: "I am so excited to have won. Walking the players out onto the pitch at Wembley will be amazing and meeting the England players will be like a dream come true."

The Luddenham Primary School pupil has been given special permission to leave early today so he can reach the arena by 5pm.

Ben's dad, who will accompany him to the match, said he was as excited as his son.

He said: "Football is definitely a family thing. I love football and I've passed this on to Ben. He plays Saturday football for the Teynham Gunners and we go to Gillingham matches regularly where we have a season ticket."

"Like any little boy he is unbelievably excited. It's every child's dream. I have to drop him off at 5pm tonight and I won't see him again until he walks on the pitch but when I see him I'll be incredibly proud."

Chris says many of Ben's school friends thought his son had made the whole thing up at first but have now come round to the idea.



**C'MON ENGLAND!** Ben Wells will walk out with his heroes as England mascot for tonight's game against France at Wembley

"They believe him now and are all really excited for him," said Chris.

Ben won the prize after his mum Jackie entered him into a competition run by the Football Association's community partner McDonalds in a national newspaper.

As well as meeting the national squad, Ben will receive a full England kit and goody bag.

Although he will not know which player he will escort onto the pitch tonight, Chris says his idols are team captain Rio Ferdinand and forward Theo Walcott.

"Ferdinand is a defender and Ben plays in this position for Saturday morning football, but it could be any one of the 11 players and I don't think he'll mind which one it is."

England World Cup legend and McDonalds' director of football, Geoff Hurst, will also be at the match tonight.

He said: "We are pleased to be able to give these fantastic, once in a lifetime opportunities. It is a great experience to be walking out on the pitch at Wembley and one they will never forget. I hope Ben has a wonderful day."

## Rail operator steps up online services

SOUTHEASTERN has launched a live online feed enabling passengers to keep tabs on how rail services are running.

The tool will classify services as good, minor disruption or major disruption and monitor all train journeys from Swale to London, including the high-speed route.

Vince Lucas, service delivery director, said: "This tool has been created in response to what passengers say they find useful. It will provide them with a quick and easy way of seeing how our services are running and specifically what disruption is affecting their route."

Mr Lucas said a range of other measures had been put in place to keep commuters updated during the winter months when services are susceptible to cancellation or delay.

All drivers and conductors have been issued with internet phones to receive immediate updates from control and pass information to customers.

The Southeastern website has been rebuilt to deal with large volumes of hits without crashing and customers can get updates on social networking sites including twitter.

Network Rail has also taken steps to improve the reliability of the tracks during the colder months. More than 16,000 metres of heating strips are being trialled throughout Kent including Swale to minimise disruption caused during winter weather.

The company has also been working with the University of Birmingham to assess the benefits of new anti-icing and de-icing products, as well as improving weather forecasting techniques.

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4.30pm Close of meeting

Copies of the Agenda and papers will be available on our website, please visit [www.eckcommunityservices.nhs.uk](http://www.eckcommunityservices.nhs.uk)

For questions relating to the agenda please contact:

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# Surveys to help in battle against young addiction

## EXCLUSIVE

BY JILL HURST

DRUG surveys will be handed out to 1,072 school children on Sheppey as researchers try to tackle the island's social problems.

Project worker Kelly Barshell says knowing the attitudes and beliefs of 15 to 18-year-olds at the Sheppey Academy will help in the fight against addiction.

She said: "Understanding why people start to use drugs and drink is key to prevention and will help us devise diversionary activities to stop children becoming hard users."

"The survey has been designed to find out about the drug and alcohol use of students and the school has agreed for the forms to be sent to all Year 10 pupils and above."

The research is the first of its kind in Swale and has the full backing of teaching staff at the school. Researchers are targeting 15 year olds because they believe this is when children start to experiment.

Assistant head teacher Sam Williams said The Sheppey Academy was taking a proactive approach to the issue.

She said: "We have introduced a new enrichment programme which encompasses relationships, sexual health and drink and drugs awareness."

"All Year 10 pupils will receive an intensive seven week course dedicated to the use of drink and drugs. Our aim is to equip young people with the skills to make informed choices and to be aware all actions have consequences."

The survey was distributed last week and the results, due in December, will reveal the extent of substance abuse among young people. Questions include whether participants have ever taken crack, heroin or gas, how often they have used and if they would like help to stop.

The survey forms part of a wider research project aimed at solving the island's social problems. It is funded by South East Coastal



**CHALLENGE:** Early drink and drug use can be harder to beat the longer it goes on for, potentially leading to problems with anti-social behaviour

Community (SECC) and run by social scientists from the University of Greenwich in collaboration with Sheppey Matters.

Mike Brown, chair of Sheppey Matters believes targeting school children will help to get to the root of the problem.

He said: "If people start at a young age, then the older they get, the more difficult it is to get them to stop."

"Alcohol is a big problem, because it is cheap and within easy access."

Swale police are supporting the scheme and hope it will help provide a long-term solution to the island's addiction problem.

To find out more call Kelly Barshell on 01795 583547 or see [www.facebook.com/pages/Sheppey-Matters-Drug-and-Alcohol-Project](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sheppey-Matters-Drug-and-Alcohol-Project).

## Elves will help you send letter to Santa

FATHER Christmas will be collecting children's letters from a Sittingbourne shopping centre this year.

Elves at The Forum will deliver letters to Santa at his Lapland workshop and return his personal reply back to youngsters.



Speaking exclusively to yoursware, Father Christmas said: "I am grateful to the elves at The Forum for helping me out at what is a very busy time of year."

"I look forward to receiving letters from the children of Swale and I will do my very best to grant their Christmas wishes this festive season, just as long as they have managed to be nice and not naughty this year."

Children can drop their letters in the Santa post box at The Forum from November 15 until December 15. Children should include their postal address.

## Notification of noise from training ground

DEFENCE company QinetiQ has released dates during November when the effects of explosions may intensify at its Shoeburyness military training ground.

The dates are as follows: November 17-19 and 22, coloured airborne flares may be visible in the vicinity of the Thames Estuary; November 23, gunfire may be more perceptible than usual and coloured airborne flares may be visible in the vicinity of the Thames Estuary; November 24-25, coloured airborne flares may be visible in the vicinity of the Thames Estuary; November 26, gunfire may be more perceptible earlier than usual from 8am, and coloured airborne flares may be visible in the vicinity of the Thames Estuary. Finally, on November 30 explosions may be more perceptible earlier than usual from 8am.

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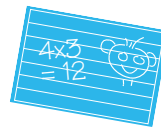
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## BREAK TIME

### Pupils inspired by paralympic runner

STUDENTS at The Abbey School in Faversham were inspired to aim high after a visit from a Paralympic gold medallist.

Tim Prendergast visited the children as part of the Sky Living for Sports initiative – a scheme that uses sport to inspire schoolchildren to be the best they can be.

Tim, from New Zealand, began losing his vision at eight years old and by the age of twelve was left virtually blind. However, with a passion for athletics Tim turned adversity on its head through his love for running.

In 2004 Tim represented New Zealand at his second Paralympic Games in Athens winning the gold medal in the T13 800 metres. Tim recently ran at the Beijing Paralympics where he finished just outside the medals in the 1500 and 5000 metres.

Tim said he now has his sights set for a gold at London 2012 Olympics.

### Apply for your 2011 primary place

THE application process for primary school places in Swale is now open. Parents have until Saturday, January 2011 to submit their three preferred choices.

Educations officials have encouraged parents to get organised and visit schools they are interested in before making any final decision.

To find out more about how to apply visit [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola).

# Trip to Boston is lesson in sharing teaching practices

■ BY JILL HURST

TEACHERS from The Westlands School in Sittingbourne jetted off to the United States to take part in an international education week.

The trip, to The Boston Arts Academy in Massachusetts, was made possible for four members of staff after the school secured a funding grant from The British Council.

International education week takes place from November 15 to November 19 and seeks to develop partnerships aimed at sharing the best teaching practices globally.

David Chaplin, assistant head teacher at Westlands said: "The International work we do at the school is priceless, sometimes we can become too insular and not recognise that there is a whole world with whom we can work with, share with and most importantly learn from."

"The nature of the work we do is essential in educating the whole child in addition to them gaining good exam results, we think it is imperative they understand and can communicate in the world they live in."

Teachers taking part in the event picked up new ideas on how to deliver outstanding lessons and look at how arts subjects can be delivered while making strong connections to pupils' personal and social education.

Olga Stanojlovic, director of schools at the British Council, said: "International education week is a chance to celebrate all the inspirational work that goes on in schools to help our



GOING GLOBAL: Mr Stuart Sheach, a teacher from Westlands, shakes hands with a pupil from The Boston Arts Academy

young people connect with other young people around the world and prepare them for their future as global citizens. We would encourage every school to embrace international education even in this difficult economic climate. When fully embedded in the curriculum, it brings learning to life, builds trust and understanding between cultures and communities and gives students the skills they need to compete in a global economy."

The British Council supported more than 5,300 partnerships between schools in the UK

and schools in other countries worldwide during 2010.

As well as the United States Westlands also works with partner schools in Kenya, Trinidad and Tobago and Czech Republic, with support from the British Council's global School Partnerships programme, and European community's comenius programme.

For more information contact David Chaplin at The Westlands School, Westlands Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent. ME10 1PF, or e-mail him at [dch@westlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dch@westlands.kent.sch.uk).

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# 'We succeed where others failed'

■ BY NICK AMES

NEXT year sees the centenary of the Caldecott Community, an educational establishment which helps some of the most difficult to reach young people in the country.

All are victims of abuse, physical, mental or sexual – sometimes a combination of all three. Yet remarkably, over the last three years not one student has left the care centre at Smeeth, near Ashford, without going on to further education or a work placement.

Pupils have all obtained GCSEs as well – something the centre is very proud of.

Founded in 1911 by philanthropist Leila Rendall, the home is named in honour of children's illustrator Randolph Caldecott.

Richard Harvey is chairman of the centenary committee which is set to organise a service in Canterbury Cathedral

and a garden party with a 1911 theme next summer. Our founder was a true educational pioneer," he said.

"She founded a nursery in St Pancras, London, after seeing how the children of local match factory girls were either left to wander the streets or locked up when their mothers were at work.

"During World War One the facility moved out of London and down to Kent. It is now a home providing residential care for victims of severe abuse and neglect, with a school, therapist and recreational activities."



SAFE HANDS: Student Shelley with Amanda Cottrell

The home – an attractive country house with large grounds – has 36 young residents and a further nine day students.

They have gone through foster care and been excluded from mainstream education.

Director of operations Sharon McDermott said: "These are some of the hardest to reach children in the country. They come here from all over the UK and most have been removed from their families because of problems.

"One of the major difficulties is they have failed so many times in the past and we have to cope with that. Some may be very disruptive but staff here have to gain their trust.

"Our staff are so very dedicated and do a marvelous job, sometimes in very difficult circumstances. We have to first gain the trust of the child and that is a major hurdle. But then we can start to move forward and break the cycle of failure."

A series of assemblies of achievement mark a child's progress throughout the school which has students from aged seven to over 16.

To obtain a presentation certificate at one of the meetings, pupils need to have scored an 80 per cent mark in the subject.

Staff emphasise the awards are not just given away. Clive Lee, chief executive, said: "What I am most proud of here is the positive outcome for individual children.

"Pupils who may have come here hugely disruptive can make something of themselves. To see the expression on the face of a young person who has obtained a certificate – maybe for the first time – is a reward in itself. Our motto is 'We succeed where others failed'."



Pictures: MICK GELL

CENTENARY SUCCESS: From left, Sam Hopgood, Richard Harvey, Sam Scott, headteacher Sharon McDermott, 12-year-old Marcus, Clive Lee, Angus Fraser and Emily Carrick at the Caldecott Community



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## Antibiotics not for winter colds, patients are warned by doctors

AS THE chilly weather moves in for winter, health chiefs are reminding everyone that antibiotics are useless at battling coughs, colds and flu.

Off-the-shelf pharmacy treatments are better at dealing with common health complaints at this time of year.

But time is often the best healer, with ear infections taking about four days on average to clear up, coughs taking three weeks, sore throats a week and the common cold around a fortnight.

Doctors say colds and flu are caused by viruses, not bacteria, which means using antibiotics when you have a virus may do more harm than good.

It won't cure the infection, stop others from catching it, or make patients feel better. In fact, doctors say it could cause unnecessary side effects.

Last year, more than half a million prescriptions for antibiotics were written for patients in east Kent and antibiotic resistance is one of the world's most pressing public health problems.

GP Dr Simon Dunn said: "We want to ensure the best care is the right care for patients. If you've got flu and cold symptoms, talk to your pharmacist first and get over the counter medicines.

"However, if symptoms get worse you may need to see your GP. For peace of mind, many GPs will now offer a delayed prescription for antibiotics if it is not clear whether the symptoms will go away on their own.



COLD COMFORT: But time is often the best healer

"The difference to a normal prescription is that you wait a few days before collecting your medicine, try some self care and if you are feeling better do not collect it at all.

"Antibiotics are really the last resort. They are a key drug in the fight against bacterial infections but over-use will reduce their effectiveness and are less likely to work when patients need them."



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## YOUR LETTERS

### Hard-up police buy luxury Jaguar



## Maybe buying British should have been law

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The police and other services in this country should have bought British made vehicles sooner.

Perhaps if they had we might still have Rover, LDV etc and the British jobs that went with them.

Name and address supplied, by email



## American 'interest' is a point well made

How brave of you to come out and say what a huge number of us must be feeling and thinking.

I am force-fed USA, but haven't a clue what has happened in say, Paris, Rome or even the Pas de Calais.

Perhaps KOS could include a European section just to keep us up to speed with the main issues?

Elaine Baines, by email

Don't tell anyone, but I think you just joined the ranks of people falling over themselves to give us your opinion on those irrelevant elections on the other side of the world...

Fair point, Gary

Malcolm Triggs, by email

## Indulgent EU not my ideal neighbour

Your thesis might hold more water if we actually had any say in influencing any decisions made on our behalf in Brussels.

The EU is an undemocratic plutocracy of highly paid, expensive clad bureaucrats whose only interest is the self-preservation of their plutocracy.

Our only say is in the election of an MEP who has little or no influence on the decision-making

## your blogger

As one Kent council comes bottom of the list for recycling, Gary Wright asks do we really care?



ASHFORD Borough Council has been crowned the worst local authority in England for recycling.

I am sorry to hear that on the one hand, but on the other I'm not sure I really care that much.

Anyone who has suffered the stupidity, bureaucracy and stink caused by ill-conceived recycling schemes with its variety of different coloured boxes collected fortnightly must envy the residents of Ashford.

I should confess that I currently live in Ashford borough and I genuinely appreciate the efficiency with which the council makes my rubbish disappear.

I chuck my waste into black sacks and every week, despite rain, gales or blizzards those top blokes turn up in dustcarts and my rubbish disappears.

Yes, you heard right, a weekly collection, no stinking chicken bones hanging around my home for a fortnight.

If the good folk of Tunbridge Wells (45.4 per cent recycled) and Canterbury (45.3) are diligent enough to recycle half, then that gives the people of Ashford more space in landfills plus time to find a system better than those currently on offer.

I talk with some experience here having suffered the fortnightly collection nightmare that Shepway District Council sees fit to burden its ratepayers.

Now don't get me wrong; it was easy to chuck cardboard packaging in one bin, tins in another and plastic cartons in another. Providing that you have the space for all these containers it's not a bad system.

Unfortunately, I failed to enjoy that warm feeling of smug satisfaction that seems to motivate most of the heavily discredited 'green' believers (thanks Channel 4).

But, while living in Shepway, I lost count of the stories of bin men who refused to collect wheelie bins if the lid didn't close, meaning you were left waiting for another two weeks or a trip to the tip in your car.

In Ashford I stumped up getting on for 200 quid a month towards council taxes, and while the council's slice of that is pretty small, all I really want them to do is clear my rubbish – nothing else, thanks.

Kent County Council can run schools and lose millions in Icelandic banks and Kent Police needs to retain cops, cut admin and consider carefully how many £38,000 Jaguar pursuit cars it really needs.

If recycling is so important, and EU imposed targets of 50 per cent within two years seem unavoidable, then let Ashford spend the latest £300,000 handout on employing people to sort through the collected rubbish.

Don't make me do it. I'm happy to pay someone who can recognise the difference between PVC and PTFE plastic.

We are on the brink of stinging public sector cuts and while I have always been against local authority non-jobs, if my council wants to spend my money employing recyclers, you have my full support.

There must be a better way to recycle that does not involve stinking wheelie bins containing two-week old food which is the result of knee-jerk green initiatives.

I believe Ashford Borough Council, by taking its time, can show the way.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering contact the news editor, **Gareth Arnold**, on 01303 817025 or email him on the details above. If you want to be the next Swale blogger then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of around 550 words) and email it to the editor. And don't forget, for all the latest news and video from your town log-on to [www.yourswale.co.uk](http://www.yourswale.co.uk).

process in Brussels. It is an over-expensive, cash wasting, self-centered, over-important, arrogant, corrupt organisation of which we should cease to be a member.

Whatever else it may be the US practices a form of democracy utterly alien to the EU.

No thanks, I will continue to maintain a greater interest in what goes on 'over the pond' than I do over the Channel.

Peter Reynolds



## Bomb was a threat to services as well

It astounds me that a member of the public who obviously has no experience of the work emergency services carry out feels able to post such damaging remarks with no thought to those involved during that terrible day.

As a previous poster had so rightly put it, there is no use for a

dead rescuer, and history has shown that patterns of bombings are increasingly becoming multiple events (Madrid, London) and more chillingly, targeted towards those that may come to our aid.

The attempted Tiger Tiger bombings in London had secondary devices set up at the site of the rendezvous point for emergency services.

We have set procedures for dealing with major incidents of this nature, and to detract from these courses of action would result in mass panic and collapse of control at the scene, with possibly even committing fellow rescuers to their deaths.

The aim is to do the most for the most under the difficult circumstances and until specialist teams have evaluated the scene and deemed that there are no other hazards to the rescuers (chemical, biological, radiological, explosives), then full efforts can be made to deal with the immediate 'hot-zone'.

I fear the outcry against major incident planners would have been far worse had emergency crews committed to the scenes and lost their lives through secondary devices or CBRN materials.

Corporate manslaughter trials would have filled the courts for a good few years after the events, that's for sure.

No major incident runs perfectly. Even with the best planning and practice-runs in the world, things are sure to go wrong due to the

random and unpredictable nature of them.

Let's just trust those who put themselves forward at the front-line on the day and hope that the despicable people who attempt to reign terror on our streets don't 'spice-up' their devices with much more terrifying components in addition to explosive.

Steve Bourne, by email

## School gathering is one not to be missed

Due to a very successful gathering last year of old Canterbury school friends I have organised another get-together on Saturday, January 29, 2011, in a local pub.

So I am hoping to reach those out of the loop and who missed the first event.

We want anyone connected with what was known as the Westbere Crowd, and who may have attended Canterbury Tech/Art College, Canterbury Tech School Girls Simon Langton Girls/Boys, Barton Court; drank in the Seven Stars, Olive Branch, Old City, Jolly Miller, Allberrys, Quines etc; or enjoyed the music at St Thomas Hall, Leascliffe Hall Folkestone, Westgate Hall and maybe attended parties at Westbere Village Hall.

For those interested, please call Andy Matthews on 07808 590 370 for details.

Andrew Matthews

## MP's weighty issue over foreign lorries

In written PQs appearing on the Commons order paper (last Thursday) I asked:

"What estimate has been made of the incidence of the involvement of (a) foreign-registered and (b) all heavy goods vehicles in road traffic accidents in the latest period for which figures are available, and if the Secretary of State for Transport will bring forward proposals for the inspection of foreign road haulage vehicles entering and leaving the UK."

"I believe that we shall find that there is a disproportionate involvement of foreign lorries in road traffic accidents and that that record is due in part to sight lines, certainly, but also due to the condition of the vehicles. It is already a fact that at present foreign trucks do considerable damage to our roads while making no contribution to their upkeep."

"They arrive laden with EU duty-paid fuel and depart before refilling. In the interim they not only cause wear and tear on roads that they do not pay for but, more importantly, they become involved in accidents involving damage to other vehicles, injury and sadly, on occasions, death."

"Clearly Kent, as the main gateway county, bears the brunt of the problem, but it is a national issue as well."

"I await the Minister's answers with great interest; I believe that the time has come to introduce a much more rigorous inspection regime to ensure that all vehicles entering the UK are roadworthy and carry appropriate mirrors for left-hand drive use and I also want reconsideration given to the application of a 'Britdisc' road tax."

"I would also like to see departure checks to ensure the drivers of vehicles that have been involved in accidents do not leave our jurisdiction until cases have been heard and/or insurance claims settled."

Thanet North MP, Roger Gale

## Commuters taken for a ride by coalition

I was pleased to see that the Government's increased cap on rail pricing has not gone unnoticed.

As a London commuter already struggling to keep my head above water I find this 37 per cent increase in rail fares over the next three years to be simply disgusting.

The article cites a national poll by the Campaign for Better Transport which showed that "74 per cent of commuters were likely to switch support away from parties that agreed to an increase" – you can rest assured that I will be one of these commuters.

The Government are simply relying on the fact that most commuters don't have a choice but to use the train service, whatever the cost. The opportunism of the Con-Dem coalition fails us again.

Name and address supplied



# Revealing teachers' salaries a lesson in futility, says union

UNION leaders have hit out at Government plans to publish teachers' salaries, qualifications and sickness rates in an attempt to improve classroom standards.

The Department for Education revealed this week that schools will be forced to publish more information than ever before so parents can make better-informed judgements about where to send their children.

## Headline-grabbing

Individual teachers will not be named but the unions argue that in some small schools it may be easy to identify which teacher is which.

"I can't see the point of all this; it's just headline-grabbing," said John Walder, secretary of the Kent division of the National Union of Teachers (NUT).

"It's been a feature of politics since the late Thatcher era that the Government should always be seen to be doing things, even when it's not needed.

"That's led to a massive avalanche of new measures that have been bedevilling schools ever since.

"Parents want to see that their child's school is successful, but the fact is that what they're

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

really interested in is whether or not their child is happy.

"Regimes where teachers are put under the cosh make for unhappy teachers and unhappy kids. When one side of the equation is put under that sort of pressure, the other side will feel it too."

The proposals form part of the DfE business plan, which also spells out coalition plans to reform the central contract dictating teachers' pay and conditions.

Other statistics due to be published include the amount of money spent per child and how many achieve new-style measures charting progress in basic subjects at ages five and 11.

"We do not see how publishing swathes of statistics on how many teachers caught the flu off their pupils, how many A-levels the staff have and what they are paid will reduce bureaucracy," said Emma Sivyer, South East regional officer for the education professionals' union Voice.

"This is information overload. What is the point? Do the public really want to know all this?"

"We fear the Government wants to bring to an end the national system for teachers' pay



**POINTLESS:** Union says plans to publish information on teachers will put them under further pressure

and conditions – a system that has worked well in ensuring fairness and transparency without compromising individuals' details."

Other measures spelled out in the business plan include a new 'readiness to progress' assessment for children to ensure they are ready to start primary and secondary school, and the introduction of a new National Curriculum by September 2013.

The 'nappy curriculum' setting out targets children must hit before their fifth birthday will also be less bureaucratic.

## Housing cuts to force poorer residents out

HOUSING benefit claimants could be forced to move out of wealthier towns on Kent's commuter belt as a result of the Government's cap on handouts.

A report by the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) revealed that in the next decade people relying on local housing allowance may have to look for cheaper accommodation in less affluent towns.

It comes just a fortnight after Thanet North MP Roger Gale raised concerns coastal areas could be hit with an influx of London dole claimants unable to afford expensive city rents once housing benefit is capped next April.

Industry experts at CIH believe for Kent's wealthier in-land towns it could be the reverse, with claimants moving away.

Ashford and Maidstone were highlighted as places that would be 'off limits' for private rented sector tenants, claiming housing benefits in the next ten years.

Towns on commuter belts were outlined as areas where claimants may be unable to afford to live.

The report added: "If rental inflation is at five per cent, within 20 years almost all rental market areas in the South East will be affected by the caps."

Under the changes, handouts will be capped at £400 a week for a four-bedroom house, £340 for a three-bedroom property, £290 for two bedrooms and £250 for a one-bedroom property.

Kent's Tory MPs welcomed the move.

Laura Sandys (Thanet South) said: "The current situation has fundamentally distorted housing in my area.

"Our system is broken. Those who want to work know that work does not pay.

"Those who work get less than those who claim and those who do not work often receive the most."

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# 'Make most of opportunities'

FORMER Conservative leader Lord Howard says the axing of half a million UK public sector jobs is a golden opportunity for Kent businesses.

He told the inaugural Archant KOS Media Business Week Live show the cuts, announced in last month's comprehensive spending review (CSR), would see much of the lost work switching to the private sector through outsourcing from both central and local government.

He told delegates: "We are already seeing remarkable decisions taken by some local authorities who have, in effect, said, 'we're going to decide what should be done and we're going to finance what should be done, but we're not actually going to do it ourselves - we're going to look at people who can do it more efficiently'."

The former MP for Folkestone and Hythe, who stood down this year and now sits in the Lords as Baron Howard of Lympne, compli-

mented organisers on the timing of the event at the County Showground, near Maidstone, exactly three weeks after the CSR.

He said he knew many firms had held back on crucial decisions until the CSR, but added: "Every challenge presents an opportunity and you will have been working out how you can make the most of those opportunities. This event is designed to enable you to see how you can translate those opportunities into success."

Conference presenter Julie Maddocks then asked Lord Howard about Prime Minister David Cameron's Big Society vision, which some have dismissed as PR and spin.

"It's certainly not," he responded. "It's a recognition of the important role organisations and people outside government can play in delivering the kind of society we want to live in."

"The Big Society provides opportunities that maybe business hasn't had before."

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
Lord Howard makes his Business Week Live opening address at Detling



# Business show helps county look to future

■ BY STEVE LOADER

OUR first-ever Business Week Live offered a unique opportunity for Kent's hard-pressed business community to run a health check as it plans for 2011.

The diagnosis was good. Despite the coalition Government's recent comprehensive spending review and a rash of conflicting readings from economic barometers like property prices and the stock market, those attending the show felt positive about prospects.

After hearing a welcome from Lord Howard they also appreciated tips and advice from conference sessions and a clinic run by the Kent Business School.

One of the speakers, Maidstone-based management guru Neil Annis, of ThinkGap, said: "I go to all the trade shows, but I have to say that the quality of the people you have attracted here is superb. I have made contacts and secured leads I couldn't have hoped to get through the usual channels."

The show was arranged across 12 business zones, enabling visitors to quickly find the 128 stands they wished to target.

One firm even chose the show to launch itself and a new product for the UK market.

John Lineham, MD of Dartford-based CleanTeck, said: "The show was perfect timing for us to launch our range of smart fluids we have sourced from Germany."

"With so many applications - from impermeable coatings for mobile phones and laptops to protecting the fabric of buildings - taking a stand allowed us to demonstrate to the many other companies and visitors."

Archant KOS Media's commercial director and organiser of the show, Christine Davidson, said: "We couldn't have hoped for a better launch and the reaction from exhibitors and visitors was overwhelmingly positive. Timing it soon after the Government's spending review, and at the budget planning stage for most businesses played a crucial part, I'm sure. But people appreciated the format - a unique mix of informative conference speakers and panels, with workshops, a drop-in clinic and a relaxed environment, providing plenty of opportunity to network, renew contacts and look at co-operative ventures."

"And the proof of the pudding? With just shy of 1,000 attendees and exhibitors booking their stand already for next year's event, business confidence is clearly building and so is the appetite in the market for a vibrant new event like Business Week Live."

"I would like to thank all of our supporters, partners, speakers, exhibitors and visitors for their involvement and look forward to working with them on Business Week Live 2011."

## Help can bring your ideas to fruition

YOUNG entrepreneur Jay Pitrola is bringing a taste of the Indian sub-continent into homes in the Medway area and beyond.

His company Desibox gives people the chance to try the real cooking of a part of the world whose cuisine Britain has come to love.

Mr Pitrola said: "Twelve months ago I was made redundant and I realized I had the chance to start up on my own."

"I know the UK loves curry but I also knew that the food in restaurants is not the proper article."

With help from the Kent Foundation he set up in business.

"I now offer curries and other Indian foods

to homes - cooked the way Indians cook at home," he said. "Rather than just cook the meat and add the sauces, the whole lot is cooked and marinated together so the spices and sauces blend properly."

Stuart Tanton, of the Kent Foundation, said his group was keen to back young people.

"We can help with starting up and offer grants and support," he said. "Today we have bought a group of people to Business Week Live to show the spirit and enthusiasm there is out there among our young people."

"There is a lot of talk about how difficult it is in business at the moment but we are here to help."

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# All your favourite hits while you eat

## ■ Lily Spice

THE Lily Spice is a unique Indian restaurant, near Sittingbourne, where owner Ali Choudary has spent a long time perfecting the surroundings.

The unique interior ensures a visit is especially memorable. In the centre of the restaurant is a pond where diners can watch the soothing motion of the fish.

Ali has owned Ace of Spice in Gillingham for some time, and that eaterie has developed an enviable reputation for quality.

He took over Lily Spice, in Sittingbourne, in October last year.

Ali feels the best people to talk about his restaurant are the customers, so Chloe, from Stockbury, and Ellie, from Rainham, gave him their views after a chicken cooked in sliced onion, cucumber and tomato and fish tikka.

They complimented the staff on the friendly atmosphere, polite waiters, atmospheric lighting and the food, which draws them and their families back time and time again – especially on banquet nights or for a dance on a special musical tribute night.

The girls were keen to give the venue top marks of 10 out of 10.

On Thursday, November 23, there's a tribute night to Frank Sinatra, with Michael Buble and a divas show on Thursday, November 30.

Due to the demand for these popular events, they will be taking place twice a week, on a Tuesday and Thursday, featuring tributes to acts such as Elvis, Abba, Freddie Mercury, Michael Buble, Frank Sinatra and more.

The venue is easily accessible, with ample parking, and its friendly atmosphere ensures large parties and intimate diners are equally catered for.

Menu favourites include traditional baltis, tikka and biryanis but also special dishes created by our chefs, such as the Thai dish Yam Yam.

The Lily Spice is a great place to have your Christmas party. We can host up to 130 guests and the venue is even available for exclusive use if the dates are available.

Sunday Buffet – Eat as much as you like from 12 noon until 10pm. The price is just £8.95 for adults and £4.95 for children.

Wednesday is banquet evening, at just £9.95 per head.

Lily Spice is open from noon until 3pm and 6pm until late. See the website for full details of events at [www.lilyspice.co.uk](http://www.lilyspice.co.uk)

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## LIVE & LOCAL

### Church to host choir

THE Snowdon Colliery Male Voice Choir will sing at Canterbury Baptist Church in Canterbury on Friday, November 19.

The choir will be joined by DeJaVu choir from The Netherlands called 'Déjà vu' for this show to raise funds for the church in St George's Place, Canterbury.

Tickets are priced £5 and available by calling 01227 760824 or on the door.

### Christmas fair goodies

A CHRISTMAS fair takes place at St Mary's Church in Willesborough, Ashford on Saturday, November 27.

It lasts from 10am to 2pm and will include stalls selling books, cakes, crafts, produce, plants and raffle tickets.

There is free parking, refreshments and also a raffle.

### Three day folk festival

THE First Margate Folk Festival will take place at the Lifeboat Ale And Cider House, Margate.

The Market Street venue will host a variety of acts over three days, November 18, 19 and 20. The Bubble Band, Pierre Vincent, Phil Martin Mike Deavin, The Sally Ironmonger Duo are some of those performing.

Visit Facebook, searching "Lifeboat and Ale Cider House Margate" for details.

### Enjoy sounds of Africa

KASAI Masai return to Ashford bringing the traditional sound of remote equatorial African villages to Kent.

The show takes place at North School, Essella Road, Ashford, on Saturday, November 20. Tickets are £8 adult, £5 concessions and children go free.

Call 01233 629 165 or book online at [www.equatorfestival.com](http://www.equatorfestival.com).

### Gallery's Menage a Trois

THREE local artists bring a colourful array of work to the Margate Harbour Arm gallery for the penultimate exhibition of the year.

Menage a Trois features the work of Ramsgate's Patricia Jones, John Newton and Denis Smith. The free exhibition runs until Monday, November 22, 10am to 4pm, Thursday to Sunday.

### Agatha Christie staged

SENIOR Dover Youth Theatre students hold a production of Appointment With Death by Agatha Christie.

It takes place at the Roundhouse Theatre at the Dover Discovery Centre, on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 and £5. Book tickets on 01304 202544 or call 01304 202544.

### Jazz up your evening

THE Blue Rhythm Kings, led by Malcolm Walton will guarantee an evening of uplifting and classy 1920's traditional jazz at the Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre in Whitstable on Friday, November 19.

Tickets are £8, £6 concessions. Call the box office on 01227 281174 to book up.

Doors open at 7pm and there is a bar.



The Strawbs are ready to rock you back to the swinging Sixties when they play their original material at The Astor Theatre in Deal

SINGER-songwriter and guitarist Dave Cousins, who fronts rock band The Strawbs, is set to rock his home town on Saturday, adding a twinge of folk to the mix.

Dave's local theatre, The Astor in Deal is the venue for his show and he says – unusually – he is really looking forward to playing locally with a full band, playing their original, influential material.

"Sometimes I can be apprehensive. It may be that the night after the show I'm having a cup of coffee reading the paper and someone who was there the previous night will remember me on stage waving my arms about," he said.

"It can make me feel like two different people.

"But this time we have such a tight band and such great material I am really looking forward to it."

Dave's career is one steeped in rock credentials.

He started his career in the folk clubs of the 1960s, once memorably playing support to then newcomers The Rolling Stones.

"There were shows on Eel Pie Island in the Thames in Twickenham," he said.

"The Stones would be playing furiously, people would be jumping on top of one another to get a glimpse of them. The crowd was wild.

"Then in the interval we'd go on and do a set of bluegrass music. It went down well, though. The crowd liked it.

"But they never said much to us – all I remember is guitarist Brian Jones coming up and saying 'Like your music, man'."

Now in his mid 60s, Dave has also just completed a book showing how he came to write his songs.

Secrets, Stories, Songs talks about many of the factors that inspired Mr Cousins's huge volume of work.

Much of it revolves around the countryside

near his home town of Deal.

Features include the relics of the Duke of Wellington in Walmer church, the seashore, the harvest and the sculpture of a Battle of Britain pilot looking out to sea on the cliffs at Capel-le-Ferne.

Dave has also just finished filming part of a tribute TV show to Byrds legend Roger McGuinn, which will feature rock legends such as Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty.

But it was another US star who got him

interested in contemporary music.

He said: "I listened to a lot of folk music and went to see Bob Dylan in 1965. He was playing Mr Tambourine Man and that was inspiring."

Another star who crossed his path was David Bowie.

"He used to come around for a cup of tea and his then manager Tony Visconti told me all about this revolutionary new look David was getting into," he said.

"I knew his band The Hype – then they started calling themselves The Spiders From Mars. On stage in an outrageous Japanese-style costume – I was thinking, is that really David?"

"Anyway, we needed a B-side, so as a joke I started calling us Ciggy Barlusc And The Whales From Venus.

"I wrote a song which mentioned David, a bit of a parody and all meant in good fun, but he never spoke to me after that."

Dave had met folk-singer Sandy Denny in 1967 and she recorded an album with The Strawbs that has recently been re-released as a remastered CD.

And the band continued to play throughout the 70s until Cousins called it a day as the 80s dawned.

"We were playing all over America, always our best market," he said.

"We'd headline and then support acts like The Eagles, Santana, Frank Zappa and Lynyrd Skynyrd in front of massive crowds.

"But then I felt it had gone as far as it could, so I started to get into running radio stations."

A meeting with former bandmates a few years ago brought his career full-circle and Mr Cousins currently plays as part of an acoustic trio and in full band mode.

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The band formed in 1992 in the back room of the Railway Public House, Walmer, and still rehearses on Wednesday evenings, but now at Pfizer's Social Club, near Sandwich.

The band plays a mixture of most of the great Swing era – Ellington, Goodman, Basie, Miller, Kenton, Herman, with a few more modern compositions.

A standard big band consists of 17 players, but the RSB has 17 saxophones, eight trumpets, eight trombones, drums, bass, piano and two guitars, plus up to three vocalists.

East Kent is extremely fortunate to have them performing for local charities. Visit [www.railwayswingband.co.uk](http://www.railwayswingband.co.uk) for more information.

Tickets are £8.50 each. Call the box office 01843 591750.



## KISSING SID JAMES

Sunday, November 14, Memorial Theatre, St Peter's Road, Broadstairs

DEAL-BASED theatre group The Yellow Brick Road Theatre Company bring this Robert Farquhar play to Broadstairs.

It follows a weekend away for stationery salesman Eddie and croupier Crystal.

Having been on one date previously, they decide to spend a weekend in a B&B by the sea.

However, disaster after disaster follows them on their trip.

Awkward love scenes, Sean Connery fantasies and a drunken night on the pier all lead to revelations regarding previous marriages, living with mother and the story behind the title.

The play contains strong language and adult themes, so is not suitable for the under 16s.

The play will be performed at 7pm, and tickets cost £7 for members, and £9 non-members.

Seats are bookable in advance at the theatre box office on 0845 2626263.

Whilst the 24-hour booking rule applies to non-members of Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, seats can be reserved by telephone or at [info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](mailto:info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk).

Visit [www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](http://www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk) for more details about the play.

## BRENDON BURNS

Saturday, November 27,  
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



THE Australian comedian was the winner of the If Comedy Award in 2007, and is touring with his show Y'know Love 'n' God n Metaphysics.

Take a comic preamble through the Edinburgh award winner's brilliantly insane mind. This show has a giant twist in it's tail. And, as always with Brendon... nothing is as it first seems.

He talks about being single and not enjoying it, his failed sexual encounters with women, as well as the political and moral choices we seem to be given in Western society.

He also tackles the subject of atheism with his personal take on spirituality, quantum physics, pantheism (nature and God being one and the same), sentience, accountability and evolution marrying them all in a conclusive human need for allegory to explain it all.

Brendon has also been hosting the new stand-up show FHM Stand Up Hero this autumn, which is a search to find up-and-coming new comics.

The show is not suitable for children and starts at 7.45pm. Tickets are £15.

Call the box office on 01227 769075 to book.



## CHATBACK COMEDY CLUB

Tuesday, November 23, The Parrot pub, Church Lane, Canterbury



SET up by former University of Kent students Sam Gardner and Lucy Danser, who wanted to spice up the comedy scene in Kent, Chatback is back.

It aims to take the atmosphere and talent of the London stand-up comedy circuit to Canterbury, with local funny-men and women also featuring.

A fresh collection of the most hilarious award-winning and up-and-coming talent is being promised for the new run, over the winter season.

Chatback's first Knockout November night features Trevor Lock, compere Paul Sweeney, Tom Goodliffe (left), Steve Aruni and Henry the singing hoover, Toby Muresianu and local comedian Carysnia Williams.

Lucy said: "The nights are well-attended. We've been sold out for the last six months of gigs. They're packed full of strange and hilarious comedians with all sorts of weird and wonderful talents encompassing singing hoovers, magic tricks and the observational stand up. We hope to see everyone there this season."

Tickets are £6/£5 each and the comedy starts at 8pm. Visit [www.chatbackcomedy.com](http://www.chatbackcomedy.com) for details and visit [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com) to book.

## JO FOOKS

Thursday, November 25,  
The Tower Theatre, Folkestone



JAZZ saxophonist Jo Fooks graces the stage at the next concert from the Tower Jazz club.

The former Humphrey Lyttelton tenor sax star plays at 8.30pm.

The club's Derek Woodland said: "This brilliant young lady saxophonist will delight the audience as she did the last time she played, to a near full house."

"Her charisma and smile light up any room she plays in, plus the wonderful melodic playing of this artist at the top of her profession is a rare experience in today's jazz world, and will delight every lover of jazz and good music."

"The policy of the Tower Jazz Club is to bring the greats to Folkestone at the fraction of the prices in London."

Jo comes from Scotland, where she won the young musician of the year award before moving to study at The Guildhall School of Music in London.

She will be backed by Martin James on keyboard, Alex Keen on double bass and Rod Brown on drums.

Visit [www.jofooks.com](http://www.jofooks.com) for more information. The theatre is in North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone. Admission is £6.





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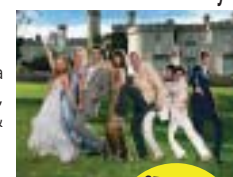
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# Skyline's a world you'll forget as soon as you leave the cinema

■ BY DAMON SMITH

THE end is nigh.

Gargantuan alien spacecraft descend over major cities of the world and cleanse the dying planet of its pernicious human parasites by hoovering up the stupefied inhabitants.

Entire neighbourhoods lay deserted and the survivors of the initial onslaught cower in their homes, hoping to evade the airborne patrol drones.

Thus begins Skyline, aka The Independence Day War Of The Cloverfield Worlds, a fast-paced sci-fi thriller from the Brothers Strause, who previously directed AVPR: Aliens Vs Predator – Requiem.

With a background in digital effects, siblings Colin and Greg mastermind a blitzkrieg of otherworldly creatures and robots to terrorise their two-dimensional characters.

Screenwriters Joshua Cordes and Liam O'Donnell unapologetically recycle entire scenes from other blockbusters and roughly splice them together to create a perfunctory narrative, which documents the extra-terrestrial invasion in Los Angeles.

A life-or-death game of hide and seek in a high-rise kitchen is 'borrowed' from Jurassic Park and the horribly misjudged coda clearly takes its lead from District 9.

The story centres initially on Jarrod (Eric Balfour) and his girlfriend Elaine (Scottie Thompson), who fly to the west coast to celebrate the birthday of Jarrod's best friend, Terry (Donald Faison).

They stay in Terry's plush penthouse suite, which he shares with materialistic girlfriend Candice (Brittany Daniel).

At the end of the raucous party, both couples collapse in their bedrooms while Terry's pal Ray (Neil Hopkins) and assistant Denise (Crystal Reed) crash in the living room.

In the early hours of the morning, pulses of bright blue light fall from the sky and draw people like moths to a flame.

As Terry and his friends stare horrified out of the penthouse windows, they witness the



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**SCI-FI:** The computer generated carnage in Skyline is magic but the dialogue is clunky in this brainless thrill ride

mass harvesting of the city's denizens.

However, the worst is yet to come and if Jarrod, Elaine and co are to evade capture, they will have to make stark choices.

The Brothers Strause financed Skyline with their own money so they didn't have to make any creative compromises.

They certainly don't stint on the computer-generated carnage and Alec Gillis and Tom Woodruff Jr, who designed the creature effects for AVPR: Aliens Vs. Predator – Requiem, work their magic here too.

Actors gamely fling themselves into the

melee and try not to stumble over the clunky dialogue, while David Zayas enjoys a brief appearance as the apartment block manager who is the first to realise that the human resistance hasn't struck a fatal blow against the aliens after all.

"They're not dead, they're just really, really p\*\*\*\*\* off!" he deadpans.

Taken in the spirit in which it is hopefully intended – a brainless thrill ride – Skyline is a slick genre piece that entertains for 92 minutes and is forgotten as soon as you walk out of the cinema.



**SKYLINE**  
Certificate 15 



**WINTER WARMER:** The Sarah Jane Adventures, being enjoyed by adults too



## YOUR TV REVIEW

THE SARAH JANE ADVENTURES: BBC1, 4.30pm, Mondays and Tuesdays

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

SINCE the advent of Harry Potter it has just about become acceptable for adults to read children's books without having to justify the act with the presence of a token child.

And The Sarah Jane Adventures does exactly the same thing for children's television. This is the sort of kids' programme you can proudly watch without the presence of a child to legitimise enjoying something originally designed for those under the age of 15.

For the uninitiated, The Sarah Jane Adventures is made by the wonderful creators of the modern Doctor Who. The time traveller's former companion from the 70s, Sarah Jane Smith, played by the original actress Elizabeth Sladen, is an investigative journalist living in Ealing.

She collects about her an eclectic mixture of schoolchild helpers, from her adopted genetically-engineered-

by-aliens boy genius son Luke to cheeky Clyde Langer and aspiring investigatress and headmaster's daughter Rani Chandra.

With the help of alien supercomputer Mr Smith, legendary retro dog-robot K-9 and some sonic lipstick, the team investigates strange goings-on which inevitably end up being attributed to malicious visitors from other worlds.

Highlights tend to be when the current incarnation of Dr Who turns up either in need of help or to help save the children and his ex-companion from aliens hell-bent on world domination.

So far both David Tennant and Matt Smith have turned up for fairly decently-sized stints in two-part episodes.

The Sarah Jane Adventures has a much smaller budget than Doctor

Who, but still manages some epic judgement day story lines.

And it does not shy away from being a bit educational and dealing with important issues. Last week's double episode dealt with death, pretender to the throne Lady Jane Grey and racial discrimination all in an hour.

I never thought I would see a black schoolboy called a "nigger" on children's television, but neither did I think I would see the boy deliver so competent a smack-down to the offending Nazi.

Being a children's programme the tone is generally lighter and the characters happy. The aliens are far less terrifying, but do turn up in Doctor Who to provoke greater viewers than I to hide behind sofas across the country.

But on a cold winter's evening it is rather comforting to watch a programme that is exciting, but also assured of a happy ending.



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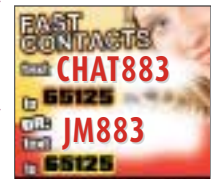
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**ATTRACTIVE** affectionate, outgoing blue eyed blonde, 42, seeks warm hearted, kind male for good conversation, fun times and who knows. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351351

**ENERGETIC** big hearted brunette likes countryside, looking for a man to love and be cherished in return. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351345

**LOVELY** green eyed brunette likes long romantic walks, seeks tall, outgoing male with GSOH to light up her life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351343

**TALL** slim blonde, 46, loves to travel looking for someone genuine and honest to share cosy evenings in with a bottle of wine, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351341

**RED** haired rock chick, loves fast cars, seeking tall, dark, well groomed male for fun in the fast lane, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351393

**ATTRACTIVE** curvy blue eyed blonde, 39, likes pubs/clubs, seeks loving romantic male for a special relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351391

**CURVY** brown eyed brunette, fed up and lonely, likes nice company, staying in with glass wine, eating out, walks by the sea, seeks similar. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351389



## Men Seeking

**MALE** 32, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks young female, 18-40, caring, outgoing for socialising and romance. Bognor Regis. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382682

**KIND** warm hearted 6ft 2ins, well travelled, compassionate, romantic male, 48, seeks loving, passionate, romantic lady for LTR. Storrington. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352793

**ROGER** 68, 5ft 11ins, N/S, romantic, GSOH, dependable, sincere, easygoing, seeks slim-medium build, attractive female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352669

**6FT** 2ins male, slim, N/S, brown hair/eyes, average looks, likes nights in/out, country pubs, animals, seeks similar lady for LTR. East Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382644

**MICK** 52, 6ft 1ins, honest, reliable, loyal, seeks similar female, 40-50. Brighton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382632

**GOOD** looking Asian male, professional, honest, reliable, fun, likes sports, travel, seeks attractive female for possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352565

**YOUNG** 60yr old male, likes cats, cooking, seeks female, 54-70 to share life. Bexhill. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382618

**TALL** mature, attractive male, seeks slim, petite, Asian/Oriental/Latino lady for fun LTR. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352511

**FIT** professional male, slim, dark hair, GSOH, seeks attractive, medium build female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382608

**LOVING** 38yr old female, honest, romantic, loving, caring, likes swimming, meals out, nights in, seeks male, 45-55 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350775

**OLD** fashioned girl, 49, fun, friendly, seeks mature male for fun times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382192

**KAREN** 51, smoker, many interests, seeks country loving guy, 35-45 who is fun, loving and caring. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382050

**LYN** young 50yr old lady, divorced, attractive, size 16, black hair, green eyes, no ties, dog, likes walks, meals out, nights in, socialising, seeks gent, 40-55. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350023

**SUE** early 60's, black hair, brown eyes, seeks male, 59-63 for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 346929

**FEMALE** 42, stunning blonde nurse looking to share a bottle of good wine, relax and whatever follows with a tall professional male. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347345

**EARLY** 60's male, 5ft 8ins, blue eyes, GSOH, likes most things, seeks similar fun loving female, 55 plus for good times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349285

**TALL** dark haired male, blue eyes, good looking, seeks attractive Princess with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382258

**CARING** affable man, teacher, 56, likes arts, rock, travel, seeks interesting, intelligent childless woman, for LTR and adventures. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347051

**BRIAN** 47, 5ft 9ins, medium build, attractive, N/S, likes pubs, meals out, cinema, seeks attractive, white female, 35-47 for LTR. East London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351499

**ATTRACTIVE** fit male, 35, seeks female, 25-48 for fun relationship. Uckfield. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382482

**PASSIONATE** male, early 50's, 6ft, dark hair, stocky, easygoing, happy go lucky, no baggage, seeks warm natured female in need of TLC. Poole. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352615

**MODERN** slim, late 50's male, honest, genuine, seeks lady for lots of fun times. Dorset. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352607

**TROPHY** girlfriend sought by good looking, successful Windsor man, must be attractive and like nice clothes and sexy shoes. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352305

**FUNNY** chatty 44yr old male, seeks special lady for special times. Cheam. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382534

**GENUINE** male, 39, fit, handsome, seeks female, 18-30 for fun, laughs and good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352235

**SINGLE** 40yr old male, sporty, dark features, good looking, seeks lonely female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352177

**41 Y R** old male, GSOH, seeks female for fun, company and maybe more. Portsmouth. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352417

**CARING** white male, 61, N/S, many interests, seeks romantic, understanding black lady, 50-65, size 18 plus for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351255

**MALE** seeks special female, 36-46 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350315

**43YR** old single dad, fit, slim, 6ft, dark hair, hazel eyes, tattoos, likes motor bikes, seeks gorgeous female, under 40 for LTR. Croydon. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382262

**PAUL** 5ft 11ins, 13st, fair hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, smart, muscular, fit, active, likes travel, music, theatre, cinema, meals out, seeks mature female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382466

**YOUNG** 69yr old male, likes socialising, meals out, music, animals, seeks lady for company, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382090

**SINGLE** male, 60, medium build, kind, caring, GSOH, likes music, walks, places of interest. WLTM lady up to 60. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350043

**JAMES** late 40's, likes walks, socialising, cinema, meals out, theatre, teatotal, seeks female, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350545

**CRAIG** 25, likes wrestling, theatre, church, socialising, seeks lady, 18-40 preferably ex model for LTR. Redhill. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382134

**45YR** old male, likes music, festivals, seeks female, 38-48 for fun, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350753

**37YR** old male, N/S, no ties, seeks local female, 39-60 for loving, caring relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350745

**TALL** active, light hearted guy 55, seeks female, 43 or under for LTR. Affection and loyalty guaranteed. Croydon. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351317

**WHITE** male, young looks, new to area, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Hastings. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382330

**MICHAEL** 53, professional, GSOH, seeks female, 35-50. Crawley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351303

**MALE** 50, 5ft 10ins, likes nights out, cinema, music, seeks fun loving, outgoing female, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351243

**ATTRACTIVE** fit, mature male, seeks Asian/Oriental female for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382370

**SUGAR** daddy available. Pete 57, 5ft 9ins, short dark hair, hazel eyes, own business, likes travel, seeks female to look after and spoil. Brighton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382376

**FATHER** Christmas, generous, seeks young, adventurous, curvy female, up to 28 for discreet fun and friendship. Brighton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382280

**PROFESSIONAL** male, 55, slim, 5ft 11ins, divorced, N/S, likes travel, sports, walks, seeks slim, fit, N/S, genuine female, 48-59. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350257

**6FT** male, 24, brown hair, blue eyes, slim, athletic, outgoing, likes clubs, bars, sports, gym, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349981

**HONEST** reliable, handsome, black male, 47, affectionate, seeks mature, trendy, white female, 42-62 for going out, laughter and life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350553

**CHRISTINE** bi CD 51, medium build, 5ft 8ins, clean shaven, N/S, seeks likeminded CD/TV for fun and friendship. South West. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382516

**CUTE** 30 bi CD, seeks gent, 50 plus for casual fun times. Horley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382486

**DISCREET** gay male, attractive, 5ft 8ins, N/S, easygoing, submissive nature, seeks older assertive male for fun and friendship. Portsmouth. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352387

**ATTRACTIVE** tall, white hunk, non scene, straight acting, seeks older gent, 65 plus for mutual playing and pampering. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348543

**EVEN** better than chocolate? Alan, tall, young looking 45, humorous, intelligent, genuine, passionate, seeks slim female for love and sharing. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351187

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# yourmusic

## Restoring faith in the local scene



**RIGHT BALANCE:** If you enjoy indie-rock, Lost Balance could be right up your street

■ BY CURTIS HAYES

'I DON'T know much about, much about aeroplanes, but I know buildings don't, buildings don't fall down that way'.

The opening line to the first song of the set echoed around the room at Rochester's Billabong Club and the audience's attention was fixed firmly on the stage.

The song was '9/11 Was An Inside Job', certainly a bold opening gambit for any live performance. The band was Balance Lost and this was the first time I had seen them play, at least in their current incarnation.

With beginnings in the form of a solo project for Pete Glover, singer-songwriter in Medway based indie-rock outfit Carpetburn, Balance Lost has since expanded to a full band set-up that includes Matt Hayward and Tom Uden, also of Carpetburn, on bass and guitar respectively, Hannah (Slap Alice) on lead guitar and Glover singing and playing the drums.

Drawing influences from a plethora of underground indie acts, perhaps most notably Mike Kinsella's work in American Football and Cap'n Jazz, influential lo-fi legends Pavement and Danish noise-pop rockers Mew, Balance Lost display a level of technical musicianship rarely seen at a local level.

This musical technicality is complimented by the band's melodic vocal lines and by their child-like sense of humour, which comes across both in their songs and through gentle on-stage banter.

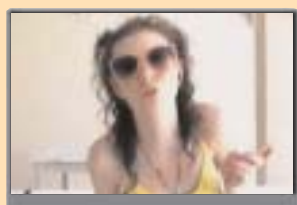
It's always refreshing to witness a unique live act, particularly locally where it has to be said that this pleasure is somewhat of a rarity, and Balance Lost are not easily confused with any other band (except maybe Carpetburn).

Their style is undeniably distinct from that of their contemporaries and their knack for changes in time signature is enough to keep even a jazz fan guessing.

Balance Lost will be playing

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**BEING POLITE:** Singer Kayleigh Phillips performs her new song The Polite Way



**BAND PRACTICE:** Zinta Egle and her band play Love With No Love



### TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

- 1 Third Place Victory - 15/11 Quarterhouse Folkestone
- 2 Save Target As - 18/11 Beercart Arms Canterbury
- 3 The Suspects - 27/11 Earls Maidstone
- 4 Happy Daze - 3/12 The Grove Ferry Inn, Canterbury
- 5 Craig Sheridan - 5/12 The Royal Legion Minster

alongside The Prospect, Jamie & the Portraits and One Eleven Edmund at Chatham's Command House on Friday, December 3 at Suburban Kings, a monthly club night showcasing musical talent locally for over four years.

So if you enjoy indie-rock that doesn't wish it were The Libertines, or if you just fancy something a bit different, then head over to the next Balance Lost gig and have your faith in the originality of local music restored.



**HOT SPOT:** Corralejo is on the northern tip of Fuerteventura, the second biggest of the Canary Islands, and enjoys 3,000 hours of sun a year

## yourgetaways



## Be blown away by beautiful white sands of Fuerteventura

■ BY BESS MANSON

It's 5am, still dark and though I'm on holiday I'm pushing a sleep-shy toddler along in her buggy in the hope she'll head back to Slumberville.

Along the way I pass other parents enacting the same routine: the dawn brigade. It's a brutally early start, but as we reach the beach all is forgiven when I see the fireball of the sun inching over the horizon.

Another perfect day is dawning in Corralejo, on the northern tip of the beautiful Canary Island of Fuerteventura, barely four hours from London.

Here the beaches are white sand and spotless. Little bays with sun loungers and cafés are deliciously inviting, while the wilder beaches draw surfers, windsurfers and kiteboarders, who relish tradewinds fresh from the Sahara Desert.

Although the word 'Fuerteventura' actually means 'strong wind', don't be put off. The second biggest of the Canary Islands (to Tenerife) it enjoys temperatures in the mid to high 20s, even in the middle of winter.

The sun shines for about 3,000 hours a year and the sea is clearer than clear turquoise. Inland are marshes, sand dunes and dramatic volcanic landscapes.

After a day or two relaxing at the beach, it was time to explore.

The town of Corralejo is modern and its main drag, packed with malls, bars, restaurants and shops (all promising the "lowest prices in town" for beer, cigarettes, postcards and water toys), obviously serves its purpose for the hundreds of thou-

### FACT FILE: FUERTEVENTURA

Time difference	None
Capital	Puerto del Rosario
Language	Spanish
Population	74,983
Currency	Euro
Religion	Catholicism

Bess Manson was a guest of [lowcostholidays.com](http://lowcostholidays.com) which offers seven nights' all-inclusive at the four-star Hotel Arena in Corralejo from £259 in December, incl flights ex-Gatwick/ Manchester and transfers. Ex-Glasgow from £289, ex-Prestwick £229. For reservations telephone 0800 111 6271 or visit [www.lowcostholidays.com](http://www.lowcostholidays.com).



sands of visitors each year.

Things look up, though, when you leave the crowds behind for the beach and port. Fabulous restaurants overlooking the sea offer excellent deals and tempting 'specials of the day'.

We passed blissful days lunching at La Marquesina. While my husband and daughter frolicked on the beach, I sipped a chilled white wine and munched on the best chilli squid I've found in years.

With car rental from around 30 euros a day, we were soon heading south from Corralejo towards the wide expanse of dunes – part of the Parque Natural de las Dunas de Corralejo – and the beaches along this east side of the island.

They are gloriously unspoiled, with uninterrupted views of the islands of Los Lobos. There are great spots for swimming, and if you want to go au

naturel this is probably your spot.

Carrying on south we hit Caleta de Fuste. Nestled below an 18th century castle, this is another tourist haven of hotels, shops, boutiques, bars, cafés, restaurants and beaches. The weekly trade fair is renowned to have some great deals on leather goods.

For all the sights and shopping, beaches remain the jewel in this island's crown.

An activity worth the charge (30 euros) is the voyage by glass-bottomed boat to nearby Lanzarote, stopping briefly at the uninhabited island and nature reserve of Isla de los Lobos, a mile offshore. We saw all manner of sea life on the hour-long crossing, which drops you off at Playa Blanca and picks passengers up again three hours later.

The winds of Fuerteventura will blow us back there again, I'm sure.



## MOTORS NEWS



### Fiat twin clean engine set to attack diesels

FIAT'S latest winning tech is a small but powerful, low emission turbocharged petrol engine that escapes road tax and will re-open the petrol v diesel debate.

The Italian marque has dropped this punchy little unit into its big-selling baby car, the 500 – pretty much an unbeatable combination.

The lively 85bhp 875cc two-cylinder engine is called the TwinAir and claimed to be the cleanest quantity production petrol engine in the world. Priced from £10,665, it's even available opentop.



### Meriva could be bidding for award stardom

VAUXHALL could make it two European Car of the Year (COTY) wins in three years with its clever and stylish Meriva MPV (from £12,995).

It has already beaten off 34 rivals to the award and is now shortlisted for the finals later this month; a win would follow up on the Insignia's victory two years ago and avenge the Astra's narrow defeat last year by the VW Polo.

The Meriva's ace up the sleeve is its rear-hinged back doors designed for extra family appeal.



### Welcome the 4x4 plus DSG combo from Skoda

SKODA now offers its robust 2.0 TDI CR 140bhp diesel with 4x4 and automatic DSG transmission on hatchback and estate Superbs, and the Octavia Estate and Scout.

The combination delivers affordable high-quality, all-wheel drive with the flexible DSG auto 'box, and for equivalent fuel consumption.

The Czech marque also hopes this new option will draw buyers needing a tow car, as well as AWD for tricky or snowy conditions. Prices start at £21,705.



**CLEVER LINES:** The interior of the new Kia Venga is impressive, ideal for families, and has an impressive price to match, but the overall driving quality is a bit lacklustre

# Kia scores with the Venga

## ROAD TEST KIA VENG

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

litre petrol model though, I don't see this as a deal breaker. It is a bit unrefined but there is plenty of power even when you cram this little spaceship, while the mpg should average in the mid-40s.

There is also a 124bhp 1.6-litre unit with an automatic 'box (from £14,100), but it is not particularly economical and high emissions make the road tax steep at £250 in year one and £180 thereafter.

There is an 89bhp diesel too (from £12,760) with Kia's low emissions and consumption EcoDynamics package including 'Intelligent Stop and Go' to automatically kill and revive the engine in turgid traffic conditions; it could give you an average of more than 60mpg and offers zero road tax in the first year and a piffling 30 quid after that.

But it will cost you £1,300 more than a petrol equivalent, whatever trim you choose, and it does feel lumpy – the petrol is livelier and simply nicer to be in.

• IT'S not hard to see why Kia launched the Venga earlier this year.

No, it's not intended to be a tribute to Arsenal's long-running soccer manager, but mini-MPVs like the Kia are where the crowds and the big wonga are.

Last month's Paris Motor Show proved the point as the wraps came off three big new players:

Toyota unveiled the Verso-S, a rather belated though impressive challenger in a sector the Japanese giant claims to have invented with the original Yaris Verso (2000-2005), though it was so pug-ugly you could argue that Toyota nearly strangled a new niche at birth.

Hyundai chose Paris to reveal the ix20 – sister to the Venga, since Kia is the other half of the huge Hyundai group.



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**FIESTA**, 1.4 Zetec Blue, 2008, moon dust silver, 14000 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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**FOCUS**, ZETEC climate, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, silver, 48670 miles, £6500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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**TF**, 1.8 135 16v, 2004, silver, 50000 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**TF**, 1.8 135 16v, 2004, silver, 50000 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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**ZR**, 105, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag immobiliser power steering sports seats, green, 57395 miles, £3100, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**ZR**, 105, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag immobiliser power steering sports seats, green, 57395 miles, £3100, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Wallflowers step into the garden limelight

PROPERTY-owners are increasingly choosing more traditional styles for their garden makeovers, according to the Society of Garden Designers who say people are looking to the past for inspiration.

Thomas Hoblyn, a spokesman for the group, said that wallflowers had previously been considered "a bit of a 70s plant" but have proven popular over recent months.

"There is a big, strong revisit to this retro 70s and 80s feel about things," he said.

Online garden retailer Greenfingers.com recently reported year-on-year growth of 49 per cent, while sales topped £4 million in the year to September 2010.

Mr Hoblyn suggested that the recession may have been behind gardeners' return to more traditional plants, noting that chrysanthemums had also experienced renewed popularity.

"Chrysanthemums used to be considered really tacky, but now they are everywhere this winter," he said.

### Better protection for high-end landlords

A MAJOR change to legislation regarding shorthold tenancies has brought good news for landlords of high-end properties who fear they could fall victim to unwanted sitting tenants.

In the past, Assured Shorthold tenancy agreements were only valid for properties with an annual rental of £25,000 or less. For properties attracting rentals in excess of this amount, tenants were instead required to enter into a contract outside of the Housing Act which, ironically, was easier to flout.

However, the Assured Tenancies order which came into effect in October raises the annual rental threshold from £25,000 to £100,000 – protecting all landlords except those with seriously expensive properties to let.

The move has been welcomed by Katie Elliott of west Kent lettings agency Alexanders, who said: "This change is significantly good news for landlords everywhere, but especially here in the south east where we have a lot of properties which fall outside of the £25,000 bracket."

"By an ironic quirk of the old legislation, landlords with high rental properties had less protection under the law and could be more at risk from sitting tenants, who refused to move when their contract came to an end."

"The shorthold tenancy agreement is much more watertight," she said.



**MIXED MESSAGES:** Leading lenders have given different views on the property market in recent weeks, one saying house prices have risen, one saying that they have fallen

# Market analysis opens the door to confusion

BY NICK AMES

TWO leading lenders have offered contrasting views on how the market has performed in recent weeks.

The Halifax has revealed that UK house prices rose by 1.8 per cent last month, following a 3.6 per cent fall in September.

The latest house-price rise takes the average cost of a UK home to £164,919, the Halifax said.

According to the lender, the monthly increase was three times faster than expected and means house prices are 1.2 per cent higher than a year ago.

Meanwhile, the rate of change in each quarter of the year, which is a more reliable indicator or near-term price trend, revealed a 1.2 per cent fall in October, said the Halifax.

Analysts had expected a rise of 0.6 per cent on the month and a three-month annual rate of 0.7 per cent.

The figures differ vastly from those from the Nationwide Building Society, which last week revealed a 0.7 per cent fall for the month of October.

Commenting on the figures, Halifax housing economist Martin Ellis said the high level of instructions on the market, coupled with a lack of buyer demand, had "put some downward pressure on prices in recent months".

He said: "We do not believe that prices are set to fall sharply over a sustained period."

Estate agents also have some less than positive findings – but across the UK the market shows clear signs of discrepancy.

Prices in the South East and values of home

continue to be far more resilient than those in other parts of the UK.

Hometrack, the property data company, asked estate agents for realistic house prices in every postcode in England and Wales.

It found that falls occurred in 56 per cent of all postcodes with only 0.1 per cent experiencing an increase.

This is the fourth month in which prices have decreased, showing a clear downturn in the market.

However, the number of homeowners putting their homes on the market continued to increase, seeing a rise of 1.9 per cent.

Richard Donnell, director of research at Hometrack, said that this "mismatch" between supply and demand looks likely to continue.

"A stand-off is beginning to emerge between buyers waiting for prices to fall further and sellers being unrealistic on the price they're willing to accept."

"We expect a modest adjustment in prices rather than a return to the double digit falls seen in 2008," he said.

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Expected to launch in autumn 2012, the Green Deal programme will allow property owners to make energy-efficient upgrades with government finance.

The subsidy would then be paid back through savings made on energy bills as a result of the improvements.

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# Islanders suffer set-back to promotion hopes

SHEPPEY United missed the chance to climb into the top-half of Division One East on Saturday as they succumbed to a home defeat against Bromley Green.

With both clubs keen to join the race for promotion to the Premier Division, the stakes were high, but it was the visitors who made the brighter start, despite the absence of several key players.

Adam Mercer and Micky Doyle frustrated the Sheppey forwards all afternoon, while

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goals from Rocky Hayles, Paul Burt and a Ryan Norman double were to prove United's undoing at the other end.

The hosts did mount a late fight-back and although John Ralph pulled two goals back, Green managed to hold on for a 4-2 win.

Sheerness East and Milton & Fulston United, who both had a weekend without league fixtures, go head-to-head at Sheerness

East Working Men's Club this weekend.

Only one point separates the sides going into the game, although the East, hot on the heels of their local rivals, have three games in hand.

Borden Village remain rooted to the bottom of Division Two East following a 5-1 defeat to Lydd Town at the Lindsey Field. Danny Fish netted two of Lydd's goals on

a forgettable afternoon for Borden, who also saw Scott Bouvier, Roy Godden and Billy Somerville breach their defence to score.

Now with just six points from eight games, Borden need to turn things around fast, although they must wait until November 27 for their next league game, at home to Platt United.

On Saturday, they make the short journey to face Swale United in the Les Leckie Cup.

## RUGBY

### Bourne to dominate

Vigo 3 Sittingbourne 24

SITTINGBOURNE hold a five-point advantage at the top of Kent 1 after powering past Vigo to extend their winning run to five games.

The home side had the advantage of playing down the slope in the first period on Saturday, but a failure to turn their territorial dominance into early points was a sign of things to come.

Where Vigo were wasteful, Bourne were business-like and efficient in defence and they seized on their first opportunity of the afternoon when Matt Fender added the finishing touches to a strong drive with the afternoon's opening try.

The Villagers regrouped and clawed back some ground when Dave Winstone kicked a penalty, but Sittingbourne held a crucial lead at the halfway stage.

Spurred on by the words of coach Jay Jenkins, Bourne began to assert real authority on proceedings after the interval and Paul Prett smashed his way through to touch down and extend the lead.

It was all Sittingbourne after that, and a clever Scott Truss dummy allowed Prett to cross again before a pushover try was completed by Dean Gaunt.

In the absence of their captain, Andy Wilford, Vigo lacked the firepower and direction necessary to mount a fight-back as Bourne rode out a late storm to hold on for the win.

Sittingbourne, with seven wins from their eight league games so far, are now five points clear of second-placed Ashford although they have played a game more.

They face a crucial game this weekend as they entertain Gillingham Anchorians, in third, knowing another victory would truly cement their place at the summit with three more games remaining until the winter break.

Sheppey are also at home this weekend, with HSBC the visitors to Stupple Field.



OPENING TRY:  
Dean Gaunt



TASTY GAME: Justin Luchford with assistant Ray Turner (left) who were happy with the result at the weekend; and (right) Jack Baldwin, who has settled in well in the Faversham back line



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# Revenge mission complete and Town extend unbeaten run

## FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

### Walton Casuals 1

Barima 25

### Faversham Town 2

Waugh 24, Buckle OG 43

replacements for Lye and Richard Avery, who left for Thamesmead earlier this month, but did say he was looking at players for the future, rather than a short-term fix.

"I have got an eye on a couple of players but I'm not overly fussed because I still have 18 in the squad," Luchford said. "We have a couple of positions where we need to strengthen, but I want someone to fill that position for the future and that means they have to buy into the way we do things."

Alex Waugh continued his hot streak in a Lilywhites' shirt with a goal on Saturday and Luchford was due to speak to Margate manag-

### Faversham Town starting XI



Subs used: Wright (Abel 90)

er Iain O'Connell on Monday to discuss an opportunity to extend the striker's deal at Salters Lane.

Town will hope to have him among their ranks for this weekend's visit of table toppers Leatherhead, and Luchford says his players are looking forward to coming up against a side that have lost just once so far this season.

He said: "We want to play the likes of Leatherhead and fair play to the players, they are looking forward to testing themselves against a side top of the league. We should have everybody available, apart from Rob French, and we want to give it a right go."

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# Maturing Manners provides spark as Brickies close in

## FOOTBALL

BY STEVE TERVET

### Whyteleafe 0

### Sittingbourne 1

Manners 4

SITTINGBOURNE prepare to host play-off rivals Burgess Hill Town this weekend on the back of two straight wins which leaves the Brickies level on points with their opponents.

The Hillians travel to Bourne Park on Saturday just one place above Gary Abbott's side with only goal-difference separating the two sides as the Ryman South table begins to take real shape.

Abbott stressed the importance of victory over their promotion rivals, who claimed a 3-1 win when the pair clashed in October.

He said: "It's a massive game, they're on the same points as us and we should have got something down there, but we didn't have Tom [Bradbrook], who's a big player for us.

"It's getting tight up there but if we can get three points on Saturday it gives us a little gap. We know we're good enough to make the play-offs, but we've got to get that consistency



ON TARGET: Billy Manners scored the only goal

and we need to win our home games."

The Brickies' latest triumph, a 1-0 win at Whyteleafe on Saturday, was built on an excellent defensive display after Billy Manners had struck the only goal in the fourth minute.

Fred Fleming could have put the hosts ahead inside 60 seconds, but the opportunity passed and Sittingbourne took full advantage when Manners strode through the Leafefe defence and fired beyond Robert O'Hara.

Abbott's side were rarely troubled for the remainder of the half, but Whyteleafe's physicality ensured there was little going the other way, with Bradbrook well marshalled in attack.

### Sittingbourne starting XI



Subs: Hooper (Horlock 60), Bent (Akhazzan 87)

After the break, Bradbrook flashed an effort just wide from Joe Horlock's cross and again missed the target after Hicham Akhazzan's shot had been charged down.

However, Whyteleafe grew into the game and twice went close through Dan Oakins and Lee Stripp, although Sittingbourne could have extended their lead late on as Ross Morley and Bradbrook both tested O'Hara.

Abbott said: "I'm pleased for Billy because he's come on a lot and he's one of our senior players now. The back four were brilliant, I couldn't have asked any more from them, it was just a shame we couldn't add to the goal while we were on top.

"We knew it would be a battle in the second-half, they had a 20-minute spell where they were putting it on us, but we defended so well."

• *The Brickies hosted Tooting & Mitcham in the Isthmian League Cup last night, for match details log on to [www.yoursware.co.uk](http://www.yoursware.co.uk).*

## FOOTBALL



ONLY GOAL: Daniel Baverstock scored for Norton

## Home form fails Norton as Taylor's side slump again

### Norton Sports 1 Lordswood 3

NORTON Sports are now without a win in four league games after turning in their worst performance of the season so far to lose at home to lowly Lordswood.

Ben Taylor's side only came to life in the final quarter of Saturday's game, by which time they trailed 2-0 after an abject display against one of the Kent League's weakest teams.

Since their 3-0 win over Sevenoaks Town, Norton have suffered back-to-back defeats at Woodstock Park and they will need to address their home form if they are to begin climbing the table again.

Lordswood made the brighter start on Saturday, although chances were scarce in a first-half awash with slack passing and chaotic midfield play.

It was perhaps fitting that the opening goal came in scrappy circumstances five minutes before the interval, Peter Huggens poking home from 12 yards after a Norton clearance rebounded his way.

Norton changed their shape to little effect after the break and the Lords doubled their advantage on the hour when Adam Hooper applied the finishing touch to a fine passing move.

Happy to sit back and defend their lead, the visitors allowed Norton to gain a foothold for the first time and Daniel Baverstock headed home Ryan Rook's right-wing free-kick to make it 2-1 in the 72nd minute.

The goal sparked Norton's best passage of play and Rob Welling's effort clipped the bar, but the equaliser was not forthcoming and Lordswood struck the killer blow with a minute left on the clock.

As Norton pushed forward, Lewis Taylor was caught in possession and Matt McHugh was on hand to score after Nick Shaw had saved his initial effort.

Having now won just one of their last eight league games, Norton will look to rediscover their best form on Saturday as they travel to Fisher, who sit just a point below them in the table.

## LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

### RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Leatherhead	16	12	3	1	+32	39
2 Metropolitan Police	12	9	3	0	+27	30
3 Whitehawk	15	8	5	2	+16	29
4 Bognor Regis Town	13	9	2	2	+16	29
5 Burgess Hill Town	16	8	4	4	+7	28
6 Sittingbourne	17	8	4	5	+6	28
7 Merstham	17	6	7	4	0	25
8 Godalming Town	14	8	1	5	-6	25
9 Faversham Town	16	6	4	6	-1	22
10 Eastbourne Town	16	5	6	5	-1	21
11 Walton Casuals	15	6	3	6	-2	21
12 Faversham Town	14	5	5	4	+12	20
13 Fleet Town	14	6	2	6	-4	20
14 Chatham Town	17	6	2	9	-9	20
15 Dulwich Hamlet	15	5	2	8	-2	17
16 Walton & Hersham	15	5	2	8	-4	17
17 Chipstead	16	4	5	7	-10	17
18 Whyteleafe	16	5	2	9	-11	17
19 Ramsgate	17	4	4	9	-7	16
20 Whitstable Town	15	2	4	9	-10	10
21 Horsham YMCA	16	3	1	12	-35	10
22 Corinthian-Casuals	16	2	3	11	-14	9

### KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 VCD Athletic	11	7	3	1	+7	24
2 Herne Bay	11	6	4	1	+9	22
3 Beckenham Town	10	7	1	2	+9	22
4 Greenwich Borough	11	7	0	4	+17	21
5 Erith Town	11	5	4	2	+9	19
6 Sevenoaks Town	11	5	1	5	-2	16
7 Deal Town	12	5	1	6	-7	16
8 Tunbridge Wells	8	4	3	1	+11	15
9 Hythe Town	7	4	1	2	+6	13
10 Norton Sports	10	2	5	3	-1	11
11 Corinthian	11	3	2	6	-8	11
12 Fisher	10	3	1	6	-6	10
13 Lordswood	10	2	2	6	-7	8
14 Holmesdale	11	2	2	7	-8	8
15 Erith & Belvedere	7	2	1	4	-3	7
16 Sporting Bengal United	11	1	1	9	-26	4

**FIXTURES (Saturday):** Ryman Division One South: **Faversham Town** v Leatherhead; **Sittingbourne** v Burgess Hill Town  
Kent League Premier Division: **Fisher** v **Norton Sports**



RETURN: Two-time British champion Shane Byrne looks likely to sign for a team in the British Superbike series

## Byrne licking his lips at prospect of BSB return

EXPERIENCED superbike rider Shane Byrne is expected to announce his plans for the 2011 season this week, with a move to the British Superbike Championship (BSB) his most likely destination.

The two-time British champion is a free agent after the Althea Racing World Superbike team decided to drop him from their plans for next season. The Sheppey rider has been linked with several rides in different championships and was hoping to tie up a deal by the start of this week.

Byrne, who has been competing in the world series for the last two years, says he has received three offers from BSB teams and is planning to move back to England, which would suggest he is swaying towards a deal to return to the British championship. However, he has not completely ruled out a third season on the world stage.

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Front-running BSB team HM Plant Honda could be one of the three offers as Josh Brookes has left the squad and the outfit have delayed announcing their 2011 line-up.

Byrne said: "Plans for next season are going well and I'm hoping for something to be confirmed by the end of the week. I've got three fantastic offers from BSB teams, but there are also options elsewhere in other championships.

"I'm not completely ruling out the world championship, but as I have said before I don't want to be riding around picking up ninth place finishes. I've got my fingers in several pies, I just need to take one out and give it a lick."

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